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DEATH OF ROOSEVELT

THE nation regardless of party has sustained a loss in the death of Theodore Roosevelt. His was a master mind and he was a creative genius such as are seldom found in political life. The only fault ever ascribed to the dead statesman and soldier was an impetuosity that gave him the name of being headstrong and too self-willed to yield to others where his far seeing vision or conscience told him he was right. He was not by nature prone to compromise for he was unbending in his determination to do what he thought was best for his country and its people and when he resolved on a certain course of action, he adhered to that resolution with the same implacable will that carried him up San Juan hill. It was due to this Roosevelt. He never sought a middle course but steered directly for his goal. There was neither equivocation nor evasion but straightforward, middle of the road Republicanism dominated his every action. Born in the purple, he mingled with the masses with a democracy that caused him to be adored by all citizens and every class. Possessed of rare personal magnetism he was born to command. His wishes were obeyed with greater alacrity than if they were orders and those who were brought in close contact with him during his phenomenal career shared the enthusiasm of the great leader. It mattered not whether Roosevelt was met in the White House, in his home which was an ideal sanctuary of domestic bliss, or in the bloody field of battle, he was the same confident, sanguine optimist who always led the way to the land of achievement. His course in breaking away from the Republican party was a protest against a hidebound and narrow policy which, he thought, was alienating Republicanism from the masses, was the sad error of a life which otherwise was faultless and unspotted. Even in the digression the colonel was actuated by his convictions and returned to the fold when he found that the evils of which he complained had been extirpated. The last public appearance of Colonel Roosevelt was at a mass meeting in New York where he and former President Taft renewed their pledges to the principles of the Republican party and urged the party to present a united front to the political foe whose conduct of the war would have been a dismal failure had it not been for the enthusiastic and unqualified support of the Republicans in congress. Death has removed a thorn from the side of the Democratic party and deprived the Republicans of a clear visioned adviser who always kept in touch with the people. One element that saddened his declining days was the brutal rejection of his application for authority to go abroad and engage in the war with a division of volunteers whom he pledged himself to raise. Petty jealousies deprived the colonel of the distinction of being first in the field and he took the rebuff to heart as an unequalled affront to his own leadership and loyalty. Instead of going himself he gave his sons to the colors and dies with the knowledge that his boys proved true sons of the ancient tree.

TAXES GROWING OMINOUS

NYE county begins the new political year with one official less and the Bonanza hopes that the new county commissioners will find some means of reducing taxes. Unless something is done there will be a deficit at the end of the year through loss of revenue from saloon licenses and the pro rata in the lost railroad mileage of the Las Vegas & Tonopah railroad. Expenses must come down to keep in line with the reduced receipts from taxes unless private citizens are taxed out of all reason to make up for the absence of moneys from saloons. It is time for the new board to give this subject most earnest consideration that some means be devised to save Nye county from bankruptcy. It should also be borne in mind that the litigation provoked by the constitutional amendment in convicting bootleggers will be a severe drain upon the county resources as all the costs of such suits must come from the counties where the infractions occur although the prosecution is in the hands of the state police force.

PROTECTION OF POTASH

ONE of the first duties of the next congress will be to consider what should be done for safeguarding the war minerals from extinction. The best and only way is to see that the barrier of protection is raised against all imports of these minerals from overseas. It matters not whether potash and tungsten comes from a friendly country it is bound to come in direct and disastrous competition with our own product which cannot be placed on the market at anything like the cost of production. Under the Democratic administration the miner has been getting the short end of the deal and it will give the Republican congress great pleasure to go on record as favoring reconstruction of the national policy before the miners of industrial metals are wiped off the map.

APOLOGIST TO THE PRESIDENT

J. HAM LEWIS, the senator from Illinois who was repudiated by his own constituents last November rises in the senate to open his mouth and puts his foot in it to an extent that both muddles and muddies the political situation arising from the presidential departure from the United States. This discredited statesman who made several trips to France during the war as the personal representative of the administration, makes the remarkable claim that the president, as commander in chief of the American army, can do what he pleases without referring his actions to the senate for endorsement. It would have been better had the Sucker senator never spoken at all than to acquit himself of the following remarkable effusion: "I inform the negotiators, as I do all those interested, that the present undertakings of the president of the United States are as commander in chief of the armies; that he remains such with full power as commander in chief until the full treaty or compact of peace has been fully accepted and peace declared and the armies withdrawn as the result of that acceptance."

The San Francisco Chronicle in commenting on this statement says: "As commander in chief the president has full power to direct the operations of the army against all nations against which congress has declared war, to agree to any armistice and to order troops home whenever he pleases."

"Beyond that he has no power to bind the United States to anything on earth except in so far as his action is approved by two-thirds of the senate, and possibly, as to some matters, by congress. The president may end all military operations, but, legally, we shall continue in a state of war with the central powers until a treaty of peace has been duly ratified."

"As we believe that the President is very far from being a revolutionist, it is not impossible that he may cable a repudiation of the pronouncement of J. Ham Lewis."

BOARDS OF HEALTH GO CRAZY OVER ALLEGED FLU PREVENTIVES

"Let's do something sensible," is the way the Winnemucca Silver State recommends the future handling of the towns "flu" situation. In a recent scathing article, a portion of which follows:

"A persistent rumor obtains in Winnemucca that the county commissioners, or the city council, or somebody, is going to have a meeting and 'do something' regarding the situation of the health of the population. Authorities all over the land have been 'doing things' to—not for—the people they are supposed to serve, for the past three months. The things done have been grotesque to a degree which puts the Indian medicine man with his snake dance, to blush. He isn't in it."

"Schools, churches, theatres, and sometimes business offices have been closed as 'health measures.' Many communities have had guinea mask laws thrust into their noses and

CORN COBS FOUND OF VALUE

Hitherto Waste Material May Be Utilized to Good Advantage When the War Is Over.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)
 Corn cobs—a great waste product in the world's greatest corn-producing nation—have been made to yield adhesive gum and other useful substances in quantities sufficient to form the nucleus of a profitable and important industry.

In addition to adhesive gum, experiments have produced cellulose, and glucose, both of which have many commercial uses. The glucose so produced crystallizes well, and it is believed can be used in the same way as crystalline glucose from starch. Manufacture of alcohol by the fermentation of corn cob glucose appears practicable if sulphuric acid is obtainable cheaply.

To utilize corn cobs commercially a large and costly plant would be necessary and the bureau of chemistry of the federal department of agriculture does not advise any enterprise of the sort in wartime.

New German Drying Process.

The so-called Kryneska method, a new means of drying eggs, fruit, juice and blood has been demonstrated before the food authorities in Berlin and found worth exploiting to a large extent. The drying is done in a large iron cylinder five meters in diameter, in which a pair of big metal wings are quickly rotating, driven by a steam turbine. The fluid is lashed to foam and dried by the aid of a hot current of air that is continually passed through the cylinder. The dried product is in the form of a powder, which will keep for a long time and can be most economically transported. The dried products go through no chemical process and are directly soluble in water. Drying plants of this type for treating about 140,000 eggs a day will be erected shortly in Berlin and Danaburg.

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LAVA LAKES RISING RAPIDLY IN HAWAII

(By Associated Press)
 HILO, Hawaii, Dec. 28.—(By Mail.)—The five lava lakes within the active fire pit of the volcano of Kilauea are rising rapidly, and tremendous torrents of molten lava have been pouring into the depths of the pit from vents high up in the

surrounding walls, presenting the spectacle of cataracts of liquid fire several hundred feet in width and almost 200 feet in height.

The rise of the lava was forecast by Professor Thomas A. Jaggar, Jr., in charge of the Hawaiian volcano observatory, and is expected to diminish. It is likely, however, according to Professor Jaggar, to continue well into March, and spectacular overflows into the main crater are looked for about the middle of February.

With a circumference of nearly eight miles, the main crater of Kilauea has a depth of 600 feet being located at about the center of the

floor of the crater and having a circumference of considerably over one mile.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

(By Associated Press)
 LONDON, Jan. 6.—For the British officers and men who are kept in the 1918-19 until peace negotiations are concluded, the government is planning an educational service corps to give them quick and intensive special training to fit them for civilian employment.

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